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To First of April Movers. Persons changing their residence at the firs of April or before, can have THE DISPATCH delivered at their new addresses by ordering through postal card, telephone or in person a the Fifth avenue office.

THE JUDICIAL APPOINTMENT.

Political circles at Washington are full of gossip about the nomination of a successor to Justice Matthews, with some of the reports involving a recast of the Cabinet, It is safe to say that the people who put out the statements have about as clear an idea of what is going to be done as any reader of THE DISPATCH, and but little more. No indication has yet been given by the President of his course, and probably the first authoritative information will be when the nomination is sent to the Senate.

The very wide mention of Judge Gres ham's name is simply a recognition of his independence and high qualities. If the selection is made solely on that basis, there would searcely be any room for question that Gresham would be the appointee. His nomination would be not only in accordance with the public interest, but it would be good politics in the interests of the President. It would consolidate factional elements in Indiana and give the administration strength throughout the country.

But factional jealousy is strong and the corporation interests are stronger. The ability of the President to rise above these influences is likely to be tested in this ap-

THE "GROUPED" RATE ON COAL.

The Inte-State Commerce Commission's decision on the coal case against the Pittsburg and Lake Erie Railroad decides in favor of the "grouped" rate which the railroads of this section have established for all mines within a radius of forty miles from this city. This is a complicated question. and one on which a wide variety of opinion is likely to be held. Evidently the groupher churches as in the sweet areas of her stockand they managed to lobby through Congress
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a bill making an appropriation for their maining of rates is a necessity to a certain ex- yards, are continually trying to rupture the tenance every year. Then they lived in very mining interests here will indorse the arrangement of the railroads and the decision of the commission supporting it. Yet it is evident that the line must be drawn somewhere, and that distance as an element of cost in transportation must be taken into account. When one mine is charged as much for a hanl of 110 miles as another for a hanl of 140 miles, there seems to be room for question whether the proper relations between cost of service and charges are pre-

A NEW RAILROAD.

The report that a new railroad is to be tion in our local columns this morning. It proves that, notwithstanding the efforts of the trunk line combination to shut off new connections from Pittsburg, its magnificent lines which come within reach of it to a final connection here. The new line opens up a route to the lakes

which, though too circuitous to be a very powerful factor in active competition, may be of use. It gives better connections for westward shipments, and its work in opening up the oil and gas section between here and Wheeling is positive. In all these respects it will have its value and should be family and large circle of personal friends. encouraged by the city.

·But Pittsburg's greatest interest lies in the securing of the new Eastern connections of which it was robbed by the strangling of the South Penn. Our business men should give their attention to making up that lack and providing terminal facilities for all future roads that may desire to come here.

CURIOSITIES OF LEGISLATION.

The efforts of legislators to provide for the public weal sometimes lead to astonishing results, and none are more astonishing than those occasionally produced by verbal inaccuracies. Some years ago the Maine Legislature passed a law to provide for the killing of old and worn-out animals, and then by defining the word "animals" to comprise 'every living creature," included old men and women among those to be killed off when they became decrepit. We are glad to say that the regulation has not been enforced; but it is noted that the Nebraska Legislature has rivaled that piece of statesmanship. It has passed a law forbidding the discharge of firearms on the highways "except to destroy some wild, ferocious and dangerous beast, or an officer in discharge of his duty." The juxtaposition of the two classes does not seem to give Nebraska officers a very good character, but, whatever

Nebraska pistol practice. ANOMALIES IN THE MEAT TRADE.

A rather novel feature of the dressed beef and live stock dispute has grown out of the laws which have been received with some favor by the Colorado and New Mexico Legislatures prohibiting the sale of dressed beef. These measures provoke the retort from the Kansas City Journal: "If Kansas City dressed beef is not good enough for their fair share of outlawries and violence Colorado consumers, then are Colorado buj. to the public just at present. locks good enough for Kansas City

Kansas City packers against the cattle of the outspoken charge of Judge Cunningany especial locality is all nonsense. If ham, the grand jury of Conway county, the packers can buy Colorado cattle cheaply Arkansas, has adjourned without finding they will buy them, boycott or no boycott, any indictments either for the ballot-box If they cannot make money by buying robberies at Plummerville or for the assasthem they will not do so. But it is a vital | sination of John M. Clayton. This does

part of the whole matter that if the legisla- not promise very much for the suppression tion against dressed beef as widely urged, is inforced throughout the country the market for Colorado, New Mexico and Montana cattle will be generally cut off. The economy in transportation of dressed beef enables the meat supply of the East to come from those distant territories. Without that economy the market for the cattle of those sections must be diminished very decidedly.

But this reveals another anomaly. What is the basis on which dressed beef is sold in the very States which ship away an immense surplus of live stock? The saving in cost of transportation would, under normal conditions, warrant the killing of eattle in those States and the entire shipment by refrigerator cars. But when cattle are shipped East five hundred or a thousand miles, and the dressed beef shipped back again, at an expense which can be entirely saved by killing the local supply on the spot, there is prima facis evidence of something abnormal in the conditions. The presumption is that extraordinary favors to the dressed-beef interest by the railroads, combine with extraordinarily exorbitant charges by local butchers to produce this singular result.

The evident interest of both stock raiser and consumers is that all should be given equal chances to compete in the dressed beef business, in which case establishments will be located wherever they can be carried on most economically. But the present tendency in the West is directly opposite, and is likely to destroy the market for Western cattle.

A REMARKABLE DEFENSE.

The ceiling investigation at Albany had reached a point where it became necessary for Speaker Tremont Cole to make the most unique defense of his reputation that has been heard for a long time. The investigating committee discovered traces of a considerable sum of money in Mr. Cole's possession last fall, and commenced making inquiries about it. This led the Speaker to make a personal explanation on the floor of the House, in which he reprobated such prying into his private affairs, and indignantly repudiated the idea that he got this money from the ceiling contractors. To show the falsity of the charge, he told whence the money did come. The State Committee, recognizing "that we had a large vote that is questionable, sent a large amount of money into my county," of which I was the recipient and disburser.

The illustration of the demoralization of New York politics, could hardly go further than to present the Speaker of the popular branch of the New York Legislature in the attitude of repelling the charge that he got the money as a bribe, by the undisguised avowal that he used it for bribery. Perhaps Mr. Cole is right in in preferring to put himself on record as the agent, rather than the subject of political corruption; and in that light it is hardly correct to say, as the New York Herald does, that he has jumped out of the frying pan into the

But it is a terrible commentary on the politics of the day, when the best defense a leading legislator can make in the lawmaking body, is to explain that the saspicious funds were in his possession for the purpose of corrunting voters

THE BARD IN CHICAGO.

The course of true culture in Chicago never runs smooth. The Philistines, who are as frequently found in the pulpits of power the felines had considerable influence, coupling between Chicago and Art. It is very hard on Art—because somehow she is never allowed to get quite away from Chi-dozen shades of crimson. They were always House and of the army of Hoosiers that becaro. The latest painful incident of this kind is the united declaration of a number

greatest poet is the Rev. John O. Foster. Men were present, we are told, who are fond of books, but no protest came from them when it was declared that Shakespeare ought to be shelved as an indecent and valueless book of the world. It may be, however, that good will come of this. built from Pittsburg to Wheeling, there to | Many will be tempted to read Snakespeare connect with the Wheeling and Lake Eric just to see if it is as bad as alleged. So Railroad, receives authoritative confirma- Chicago may acquire culture yet by the very stupidity of some of her teachers.

Turn death of Mr. John Scott, Receiver and President of the Allegheny Valley qualities as a freight producer draw all the Railroad, removes from our city one of its leading and most active business men. Mr. Scott's work for some years past lying in the charge of a corporate enterprise that was struggling under adverse circumstances has not been very easy; but his personal abilities and business character kept him in a leading position, and won the esteem and confidence of all. Pittsburg's business circles will share the bereavement with his

> It is amusing to read in journals of the stamp of the Nashville American such pleasant little assertions as that "'Yankee tolerance' is a synonym for all that is little, narrow, arrogant, envious, cruel and malicions." and then to hear Southerners socusing the North of cherishing "sectional They Stop Up a Chimney and a Hotel is hatred."

THE justice of providing fully against discriminations in railroad rates within the State, is indisputable. The requirement is also placed in the Constitution of the State; and therefore there ought to be no doubt about the passage of Mr. Wherry's bill, or some other measure for that purpose. But action on similar measures, has made it tolerably clear that where corporations are concerned, this Legislature regards the Constitution as a barren ideality.

TEE indersements of Colonel Grant's appointment are varied, but most of them unique. The most unquestionable of them comes from the Chicago Times, which declares that Colonel Grant will certainly make an envoy extraordinary.

IT MUST be rather surprising to the readers of the usually accurate Philadelphia their offenses, they seem likely to be pun- Telegraph to read its editorial reference, in ished by making them legalized targets for connection with appointments to the United States Supreme Court, to Chief Justice Fuller's appointment "as the single appointment to this high court that fell to Mr. Cleveland." Perhaps the Telegraph means to incinuate that Lamar does not make enough of a Judge to be worth mentioning es Cleveland's appointee.

> Two mountain regions of Pennsylvania and Kentucky are furnishing more than

Avery all that has said shout it it is Of course the intimation of a boycott by necessary to point out that notwithstanding | ye no grap it, ye muckle coof"

of political crime in that section

WASHINGTON advices are clearly to the effect that some one will be appointed to the vacancy on the Supreme Bench if John C. New does not object too strenuously.

THE statement that Sir Charles Russell, the great English lawver, beats Chief Justice Fuller's record by the possession of thirteen daughters, evokes the suggestion from a cotemporary that the two legal luminaries ought to get up "a daughter trust." A course more fitted to their especial exigencies would be to form a society for the encouragement of elonements.

PUBLIC PEOPLE PARAGRAPHED.

SENATOR VANCE has only one eye now, but his friends say that he sees the funny side of things as well as ever.

MR. GEORGE B. LANE, just elected State Superintendent of Public Instruction in Ne braska, is a graduate of Dartmouth College, Chandler Scientific Department, class of 1867. There popular Washington belies will soon go to the altar. Margueretta Cameron, Dorothy Phillips and Jean Matthews will marry repectively William Clark, of Newark, N. J.,

WHEN Lord Beaconsfield was on his way back from the Congress of Berlin, he remarked to a friend: "I shall not last long. When I am gone, Lord Salisbury ought to be leader. And in his nephew you will find a second Pitt." The nephew, of course, is Mr. Halfour,

Judge Hilton's son and Justice Gray.

LITTLE MARSHALL P. WILDER has returned to New York from a successful tour in the West. In Chicago one night last week he made up as Kauvar." When the supers saw him they howled with merriment, and the wrath of the stage manager found vent in a summary ejectnent of the little joker. Wilder says that he thinks the manager was jealous of him, "as they will not give an American actor a chance in this country.'

FRANKLIN B. GOWEN, ex-President of the Reading Railroad Company, is now devoting himself wholly to his law practice. His handsome face and figure may be seen on Chestnut street, Philadelphia, almost any day, as he is a great walker and seldom rides when he can avoid it. He dresses in rich but quiet style and looks as if he hadn't a care in the world. He still has a vigorous opinion about the man-agement of the Reading road, but declines all invitations to speak for publication. His general health is good.

When Mr. Bayard became Secretary of State

he found just above his desk the portraits of Grant. The combination did not please him and he banished Webster to an ante-room and hung a picture of Mr. Cleveland in the vacant When Mr. Blaine came to the desk two few moments. The following day the face of Cleveland had disappeared and Webster's strong countenance again held the place of

CATS IN THE CIVIL SERVICE. An Attempt Will be Made to Put Them or Government Pay Rolls.

From the Philadelphia Record. When the politics of this country are brought lown to such a fine point as to give alarm to the cats serving as nightwatchmen in the Philadelphia postoffice, something must be done soon or the Goddess of Laberty may faint and totter upon her pedestal. No one doubts that the cats are worried as to what will be done for them under the new administration. They have so far refrained from trying to get at Mr. Quay's ear, but if some definite action shall not be taken soon they will, no doubt take a run lown to Washington and call at the White

When the Republican party was formerly in sex. But then a change came, and one of the of Chicago's Methodist ministers that "Shakespeare is a nasty old thing."

The reverend critic who delivered the keynote of this denunciation of the world's mention and the carmination and put rattraps in their places. But the cats refused to leave. They shot off the traps every time they were set, and then caught the rats and ate them. Now that the Republican party is back them. Now that the Republican party is back was to bounce the cats because they could not pass a civil service examination, and put rattraps in their places. But the cats refused to leave. They shot off the traps every time they were set, and then caught the rats and ate them. Now that the Republican party is back in power, and as Mr. Blaine is known to be fond of cats, the postoffice felines are looking for a restoration of their appropriation and a change in their menu cards. in their menu cards.

Speaking on the matter at a late hour last night one of the cats that called at the report-

er's residence and took up a position on the back fence said he (or she) believed that they would soon be placed upon their former status and fed on catfish and waffles. OVERRUN BY SCOTCH TERRIERS

A Joke Which Brought Scores of Canine Visitors to a Philadelphian's Door. PHILADELPHIA, March 24.-Robert M. Snyder, of Holmesburg, a clerk in Internal Reve-nue Collector Gerker's office, has for several days been in receipt of numerous letters from friends offering their services in his behalf to have him retained by the new Collector-who-ever he may be. Mr. Snyder was nonplused to understand why his friends were interesting themselves so much, until he finally discovered

themselves so much, until he finally discovered that the whole affair was a practical joke, having originated in the fertile brain of Charles Key, also of Holmesburg.

Snyder immediately planned revenge. He inserted an advertisement in one of the morning papers calling for six Scotch terriers, to be delivered at Key's residence. The latter has since been overrun with canines of all species and descriptions, and has received bushels of letters offering dogs for sale. One letter was from a lady who stated that she could supply all six of the dogs if Mr. Key was not particular as to sex—four of hers being females and two males.

BIRDS CAUSE A FIRE ALARM.

Filled With Smoke. WEST LIBERTY, March 24 .- By the ringing of the firebell this morning a large crowd of excited people ran to the botel building owned and run by the Ginn Sisters, where smoke was seen coming from all narts of the house, but it proved to not be on fire. It is thought that the English sparrows, which abound in thousands here, had stopped up the flue with rubbish, and were the sole cause of the excitement, But little damage was done outside of a good scare.

NEVER SAW A TRAIN REPORK

A Youth Views the Cars for the First Tim and Disappears. LANCASTER, March 24 .- A. M. Zimn aged 19 years, came to town with his father sterday. He had never seen a railroad train fore, and was given permission to go to the railroad, while his father attended to some business. He failed to return to his father, and his disappearance is a mystery that has not yet been solved. The police have scoured the town, but can find no trace of him.

A LONG JOURNEY ALONE.

A Ten-Year-Old Travels From Hungary Cleveland Entirely Unattended. New York, March 24.-Among the imgrants who arrived at Castle Garden to-day was a little girl wearing a tag on which was written: "Susie Ivan Yak, 10 years old. Please help this child reach her brother, Andrew Yak, No. 407 Hamilton street, Cleveland, O." She had come all the way from Hungary alone, and was duly forwarded this evening by the Penn-sylvania Railroad Company.

From the Chicago Times.]

The circumvavigating aggregations have been showing the Scotch people how to play baseball. When "the baby" muffed a ball the pawkie Scots shouted: "Hoots awa' man—can

From the Pioneer Press. 'Tis when they draw quite near to him, But it's always, always Tascott.

O'BRIEN-BAIN GOSSIP.

Vice President Morton's Experience as a Presiding Officer-The Army of Office Seckers-Not an Average Indianian-Harrison is Not Making Promises.

pecial Telegram to The Dispatch.

WASHINGTON, March 24.—There has been a reat deal of quiet hilarity on the floor of the Senate since the extra session began over the timidity of Vice President Morton as a presiding officer. No one feels inclined to poke fun at the Vice President, for everyone on the floor of the Senate has a kindly feeling for him and everyone appreciates the difficulty under which he labors in trying to fill without experience the he labors in trying to hil without experience the place of so able a parliamentarian as Senator Ingalls. But the hesitancy and the extreme diffidence of Mr. Morton in the chair are at times very amusing. Mr. Morton is entirely ignorant of the forms of speech used by the presiding officer in laying papers before the senate or in putting motions. He does not seem to pick them up with any degree of ease either, and the clerks at the desk in front of him are kept busy prompting him.

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usually of an onerous character, is under the necessity of staying in the Senate chamber most of the time to be ready with a missing word or an unaccustomed but necessary phrase. He sits on one side and Chief Clerk Johnson and Reading Clerk Gilfrey on the other, and in regular alternation they supply the Vice President with the language appropriate to whatever occasion may arise. When formal announcement is to be made, Mr. Morton has it written out for him in advance, and he reads announcement is to be made. Mr. Morton has it written out for him in advance, and he reads it in a rather diffident manner from a paper before him. If he has to appoint a committee, he reads the announcement as well as the names of the committeemen from the slip of paper which has been has been prepared for him. When a motion is made he goes through the form of putting it to the Senate in a series of short, jerky phrases. For example, Mr. Sherman moves that the Senate proceed to the opnideration of the proposed change in rule 14. The announcement proceeds from the presiding officer in this fashion:

A Panular Presiding Officer.

A Popular Presiding Officer. Mr. Morton-The Senator from Ohio moves

Secretary McCook—Proceed— Mr. Morton—Proceed to the—
Mr. Johnson—Consideration—
Mr. Morton—Consideration of the—

Mr. Morton—Consideration of the—
Mr. Gilfrey—Proposed change—
Mr. Morton—Proposed change in the rules.
(Rising and addressing the Senate in an appealing manner.) Senators in favor of—in the affirmative will please say aye (in a tone of deep entreaty); Senators in the negative, no.
No one responds to either appeal.
Mr. Morton—The ayes appear to have it. The ayes have it.

Mr. Morton seems to be afraid to make noise of any character, and when he does succeed in making himself heard he seems sur-Abraham Lincoln, Daniel Webster and U. S. prised at his own temerity. He brings down the gavel on the deak before him in a gentle manner, as though he feared to arouse some one, and when he addresses the Senate it is in an apologetic tone, which is in strong contrast weeks ago he looked at the picture of Mr. Cleveland with displeasure. Calling one of his assistants he whispered to him earnestly for a few moments. The following day the fees of ing officer of the Senate, Mr. Morton is very popular with the men over whose deliberations he presides. The fact that he forgets their names and the States from which they hall creates no prejudice in their minds. They admire his business ability and his manner in social intercourse; and in spite of his timidity and diffidence in the chair, they say that Mr. Morton can be as firm in refusing a "small loan" to an indigent Senator as he is reluctant to call that Senator to order when he is in the chair.

They Want to See Quay.

All throughout the extra session of the Senate the corridors of the Capitol have swarmed with office seekers and their friends awaiting information about appointments and seeking out Senators whose influence they wish to obtain. Senators whose influence they wish to obtain. Senator Quay is one of the most popular men in the Senate just now, and his secretary, Frank Willing Leach, sits all day with a pile of letters two inches thick in front of him, trying to dictate answers to them and at the same time to answer the questions of a line of importunate men who want to know where the junior Senator from Pennsylvania is to be found. Senator Quay has in his list ten applicants for every office in the gift of the President.

He Was Privileged. A letter was published in the Chicago Times aristocratic style, and about four nights in the | not long ago telling of the respect with which dressed to kill-not rate but cats of the other signed the Executive Mansion. Evidently the writer thought that there was some unjust first things the Cleveland administration did crimination practiced, and he seemed to feel organ, and of the New York Press, and that to Mr. Heath, as much as to any newspaper editor or correspondent, General Harrison owed his omination. And, further, the correspon

nomination. And, further, the correspondent knew nothing of the peculiar conditions under which Colonel Heath visited the White House on that day.

It had been the practice of Colonel Heath to walk silently into the White House, slip into the private room of Secretary Halford, and there arrange a brief conversation with the President whenever he desired to talk with him. But one day Colonel Heath tired of his greatness and freedom at the White House. He determined to seek a new "Arabian Nights" adventure, and disguising himself as "P. S. Heath, of Indiana," to see how quickly his commanding presence would obtain for him access to the President's library. In other words, after seeing day by day the throng of eager office seekers awaiting an audience, Colonel Heath made up his mind he would know how it was himself. Accordingly, he went to the Executive mansion and presented his card to the doorkeeper with the information that he would like to see the President. The doorkeeper took the card and placed it carefully on the top of his desk. Then he sat and hummed "Sweet Violets" while Colonel Heath paced the Hall and grew nervous, wondering why that card did not go in. Fifteen minutes elapsed. Colonel Heath had worn a pathway down the hall. His nerves could stand the pressure no longer. He stopped in front of the doorkeeper and addressed him: "Has that card gone in yet?" he said.

The doorkeeper stopped humming. "Not yet," he said; and then he hummed again.

"Why don't you take it in!" said the Colonel, and he resumed his tigerish pace. The doorkeeper sat unmoved. Ten minutes more elapsed, Then the Colonel went to the doorkeeper with a look of determination on his face. This waiting like common people was growing monotonous. There was not one-half the fun in it that he had thought there would be. "Look here," he said to the doorkeeper. "He doesn't want to be disturbed."

"You take that card in to the President. I will be responsible if there is any trouble. You take it in." knew nothing of the peculiar conditions under which Colonel Heath visited the White House

will be responsible if there is any trouble. You take it in."

The doorkeeper looked dubious for a minute. Then he went into the President's room, twisting the card between his fingers. Colonel Heath, expecting that he would be several minutes getting an answer, walked into the office of Secretary Hallord. He had just shaken hands with Mr. Hallord, when the doorkeeper shot through the door into the hall. Colonel Heath was not there. He left the door standing wide open and made a dash for the door of Secretary Hallord's office. He grasped Colonel Heath with an evident desire to transport him immediately into the presence of the President. At the same time the door leading from the President's room into the office of the secretary was opened and the President nimself appeared and extended his hand to the colonel. All of this display was calculated to inspire the onlookers with a sense of the importance of the research Indianian. But Colonel Heath is necessary.

an average Indianian. Harrison Won't-Make Promises. President Harrison has manifested one striking peculiarity in dealing with office seekers. He refuses to promise appointments. When he gets ready to appoint a man he makes out the commission and sends it to the Senate, but until he is ready to sign the commission he will make no promises and give no definite assurances. This is very unpleasant for the office seekers, but it is a measure of protection for the President. A peculiar case was laid before him a few days ago. It was the case of a man now holding office who was willing to resign if a Republican who was appointed to succeed him. He handed his conditional resignation to a friend of the aspirant, who came with it to Washington and saw the President. He explained the conditions under which the resignation was given and said that there was practically no opposition to his Republican friend. The resignation of the incumbent would relieve the administration of some embarrassment, as the office was well managed and there was no excuse for a change. The President took the papers and said that the matter would have early attention.

"But will you make the appointment?" said the amhassador.

"If cannot promise that," said the President.

lookers with a sense of the importance of the average Indianian. But Colonel Heath is not

the ambassador.
"I cannot promise that," said the President,
"I will not promise anything. There are men
going dround Washington to-day saying that
Grantdied to them, and Hayes lied to them,
and Garfield lied to them. They shall never say

SINGULAR RESENTMENT.

Father Who Didn't Speak to His Daughter for Fifty Years.

BALLIETVILLE, PA., March 24.-Fifty years ago James Martin, a well-to-do farmer living near this place, refused to purchase his 15-year-old daughter a dress that she very much cov-eted, on the plea that he could not afford it. It was a few days before St. Valentine's Day The daughter was a quick-tempered girl and took her father's refusal to purchase her the dress much to heart. On St. Valentine's Day Farmer Martin took from the village postoffice a valentine addressed to him in his daughter's handwriting. It was a rough caricature, representing a miser counting and gloating over his money. There lived in the neighborhood a man of that kind. He had a niece whom he treated brutally. When Farmer Martin looked at his valentine he showed it to his wife, simply remarking that he had not expected such a bitter and uncalled-for insult from their child.

contrary had mailed him a very complimentary one, entitled "The Honest Farmer," it having been her custom since she was a little child to send him a valentine every year. The old miser's niece had obtained the valentine Farmer Martin's claughter was with her when she bought it. The two girls had scaled'their valentines at the same time, and the Martin girl took them both and addressed them. In doing so she got them mixed, and sent the miser's valentine to her father.

In spite of all explanation, Farmer Martin could not be brought to believe his daughter's story. From that day he never spoke to her. She married and lived on a farm adjoining her father's. With her husband and her children Farmer Martin was on the kindest and most familiar terms, but he never noticed his daughter. Last week he died. He left an estate valued at \$5,000. To his aged widow he left \$30,000. To his son-in-law he bequeathed the remainder of the estate, provided he survived his wife, the farmer's daughter. If the son-in-law died first then the \$10,000 was to be divided among bis three children. To his daughter Farmer Martin bequeathed "a package to be found in his trunk, lied with a green ribbon, and scaled with green wax." When this was opened it was found to be the unfortunate valentine that had caused the extraordinary estrangement of the farmer and his daughter 50 years ago.

SEEKING A LOST SISTER.

The Search, Begun to 1872, to Still Kept Up Fruitlessly.

ectal Telegram to The Dispatch New York, March 24.—For five years James J. Hughes, a young man employed in the composing room of the Catholic News, has been trying to get some news of a sister whom he has never seen. In all that time he has written over 500 letters to different parts of the country and received but a single answer, and even

this one didn't given him any clew.

In 1864, Mary Augusta Landon, then a girl of 15, left her home in this city where she lived with her mother and stepfather, and went to Pittsfield, Mass., to learn the dres business. She never returned to New York, but from Pittsfield went to Bennington, Vt., to live with Miss Kate Harrington, an aunt. She wrote letters home at odd intervals to her step-father, but in 1872 the letters suddenly ceased, and nothing more was ever heard her by her family. Her last letter intimated that there was some great trouble distressing her, but she did not tell what it was. About six years ago her stepfather, the father of the young man who is now searching for her, met Myron Landon on Fifth avenue. He is an uncle of the missing woman. They had not seen each other in ten years. "I have news for you," said Landon; "Mary is still alive and is married to the cashier of a bank in Holyoke or Pittsfield." Landon could

give no further information, and all inquires which Mr. Hughes made at the time proved which Mr. Hughes made at the time proved fruitless.

In 1884 Mrs. Hughes died. Just before her death she exacted a promise from her son James that he would spare no efforts to find his sister. This promise he has faithfully kept, and for years he has written letter after letter to bank officers and others in Massachusetts and other States who, he thought, might be able to give him some clew. He has written, he says, as many as 25 and 30 letters on a Sunday, in which he has told again and again the story of his sister's disappearance, and the promise given to his dying mother, and now, after five years of fruitless work of this sort, he is about ready to give up his task disheartened.

QUEER DEMANDS OF CRANKS. Uncle Sam Asked to Give Away Land, Over

and Scrap Books. WASHINGTON, March 24.-The newly-organized Department of Agriculture, while it is one of the most interesting departments of the does not possess much attraction for the average visitor, unless he is interested in some of the experiments which are constantly being carried on there. Probably no other office is so bothered by cranks

Several days ago a request was received for a voke of oxen, a horse, cow, wagon, plow and a complete agricultural outfit of the latest approved patterns from a modest farmer. In addition to stocking a farm for him, he asked the Department to give him an order on the Gen-Department to give him an order on the General Land Office for 160 acres of land on which to piace his outfit when he received it. A Virginian, with a theory for the manipulation of rain storms, is a frequent visitor. His idea is to have balloons carrying cannon, sent up into the cloud and fired, in order to produce rain, and he bases the feasibility of his theory on the fact that after every great battle rain has followed:

the fact that after every great battle rain has followed.

The officials tell a good story on one of the clerks, who formerly attended to the correspondence. It happened one day that the mail was very light, the only letter being a request for an agricultural report. Not having anything else to do, the clerk wrote a long letter to the applicant, which was a model of rhetoric. He informed the applicant that the department had been in operation for some years, and consequently had issued a great many reports, both monthly and annually. If he would specify which particular one he desired the office would take pleasure in complying with his request, etc. The letter evidently riled the man who received it, for this was his answer:

"I have your letter. I don't care a d-what year it is. I want it for a scrap-book,"

INTOXICATED BY WATER. New Facts in Alcoholic Heridity-Some Remarkable Cases.

From the Popular Science Monthly. A prominent military man who had drank moderately during the war and had abstained from that time on, while attending a dinner with his old comrades, where most of them were intoxicated, suddenly became bilarious, made a foolish speech and settled back in his chair in a drunken state, and was finally taken home quite stupid. He had not drank any spirits, and had only used coffee and water, and yet he had all the symptoms of the others, only his was intoxication from contagion—the favoring soll had been prepared long ago in Another case was that of a man who had

Another case was that of a man who had been an inebriate years ago, but had reformed. He was recently elected to office and gave a dinner to some friends. Among them was a physician, who had been greatly interested in these studies. He sent me a long report, the substance of which was this:

On the occasion referred to many of the company became partially intoxicated, and rhe host, who drank nothing but water, became hilarious and finally stupid with them. He was put to bed with every sign of intoxication, but recovered, and next morning had only a confused notion of these events.

The third case occurred four years ago. A reformed man of 12 years sobriety went on a military excursion with a military company, and, although he drank nothing but lemonade, became as much intoxicated as the others. This event was the subject of much comment and loss to him, socially and otherwise, although he protested, and others confirmed his statements, that he did not take any spirits at this time.

RAILROAD CONSOLIDATION

The Northern Pacific Will Gobble the Wisconsin Central.

PHILADELPHIA, March 24.-A reporter of the Inquirer to-day learned from a well-known railroad man that the Northern Pacific Railroad Company has at last secured control of the Wisconsin Central Railroad, and through the Wisconsin Central Railroad, and through it an entrance to Chicago.

The directors of the company will hold a special meeting in New York on Wednesday to formally approve the lease, but it will be purely a formal matter, as the directors are a unit on the question, and the company is already in practical control of the Wisconsin Central's lines.

How They Are Handicapped. From the New York World. Certain good women of Washington meet every day to pray that none but virtuous and reverent men may be appointed to office. They are handicapped by the fact that there are 100,000 offices to be filled.

SOME STRANGE RELICS.

ementoes of the Time When Franklin Hundled the Mnils-A Letter on a Shingle-The Museum of the P. O. D. When Benjamin Franklin was appointed Postmaster General of the Colonies in 1775, he went down to the office in Philadelphia, hung his coat on a per behind the only door of the one room which constituted the department, and went to work. He procured a small book of 53 pages, in which he opened an account with each postmaster for the 40-odd postoffices in the 13 colonies, and kept it himself. Unlike the present Postmaster General, remarks the Washington Post, the old Pennsylvanian was not bothered to appoint assistants, and as for clerks, he did not have any. At odd times, and when he was feeling lonesome because some of the neighbors did not come in to bore him to proper to the property to be supported by the p appoint John Smith postmaster at Juniper-ville, Franklin would go down to the city post-office and assist to make up the mail which left office and assist to make up the mail which left by stage coach every week. In a glass case in the Postoffice Department the curiosity seeker can see the very old leathern bound book in which Franklin kept the accounts of the Gov-ernment. The transactions for three years-from 1776 to 1778, inclusive—are included in its 53 pages, and the mail transactions seem to have cut but a very insignificant figure. You can also see the record of the uncalled for or misdirected letters that were returned for the 11 years from 1777 to 1785. The book covers 44 pages, and during that time 365 letters were re-ceived. The number of letters returned to the Dead Letter Office daily now averages 18,000.

Revolvers and Reptiles in the Mails. The museum of the Dead Letter Office is one of the most interesting resorts for visitors in the city. Many of the more curious articles that have been sent through the mails and failed to reach their destination have found an abiding place in the three large glass case that are devoted to their exhibition, while a local auctioneer yearly disposes of thousands local auctioneer yearly disposes of thousands of the more commonplace articles that come to that office. The nuseum contains some very interesting relies, but one's interest is mainly claimed by seeing how some people have endeavored to use the mails for the transportation of articles that no express company would receive, knowing what they were. A stick of cord wood and a loaded revolver occupy positions of honor in close proximity to an alligator and some snakes, which were alive when the attempt was made to send them. Bread must have been scarce at one time, or the sender had a hungry friend, for somebody mailed a loaf of bread, which is now one of the relies of the museum.

A Love Letter on a Shingle. Some rural swain, who evidently lived in section of the country where paper was a luxury, indited a loving epistle to his best girl on a shingle. Whether the girl still looks for the letter that never came is a question. At all events, the postoffice officials never found her to make the delivery. An Indian scalp, a bottled centipede and a hitching post form a trinity of curios, while a skull that never found an owner makes the background for the most miscellaneous collection of old combs that was ever gotten together. An old mail bag stained with blood tells the story of the faithful devotion to duty which he sealed with his life—of an Arizona mail carrier who was killed by Apache Indians in 1885.

A Relic of a Tragedy. An envelope bearing the inscription, "This contains my hair. Chas. G. Guiteau," recalls the tragedy of July 2, 1881. There are any number of other curious mementoes that never reached the parties for whom they were intended. One room in the Postoflice Department is seldom frequented by strangers. It contains samples of all the locks ever used by the department for the letter boxes and mail pouches. The first lock ever used was in ISI2 and so far as outward appearances go, differs but little from the present style of lock. In the mechanism is where the improvement has been made, and the vigilant Cerberus who has charge of the exhibit will not allow you to examine the workings of the lock.

A Colored Man's Great Invention There are also three cases fitted with rejected ocks, some of them very ingenious, of all hapes and sizes. Probably the most ingenious ock ever made was offered the department by Texas negro. It is a flat piece of wood, with a staple on one side and a crank somewhat similar to that used on a fishing reel on the other. The crank is the key, and you could turn all day without opening the lock, unless you knew the combination.

When Mail Bags Were Few. There are also on exhibition the different va-rieties of mail pouches. The office uses 25 dif-There are two old leathern bags, "gophe bags" they are called, that were used in 1895. At that time the mail was carried on the boot of a stage coach, and one of these pouches carried all the mail that went from New York to the South. To-day the Southern mail requires thousands of pouches.

SOON TO SLEEP FOREVER.

The Famous Slumberer of Attica, N. Y., Nearing Death's Door. SPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE DISPATCH, ATTICA, N. Y., March 24.-Mrs. Emma Althouse, the sleeping woman, is believed to be in a dying condition by her relatives. Her last long trance was six days, and since reviving from that she has had several shorter ones.
The woman is so weak that she cannot communicate with her attendants, and is unable to do the slightest thing to help herself.
She is worse now than she has been, and her relatives think that the end is very near.

THE LAST WAR HORSE DEAD.

The Pet of an Ohio Regiment Expires at the Age of Thirty-Seven. FREMONT, O., March 24.-General R. P. Suckland's famous war horse Barney died today at the age of 37. The faithful animal was in many of the principal engagements of the Rebellion, and received several wounds. He has ever since been tenderly cared for, and has been a pet of the boys of the Seventy-second Regiment. The horse was probably the only one living that had been in the war.

That Puzzle Again. From the Chicago Tribune. "Goodby! I'm gone!" Twas the voice of Grover, "I'll stay away Till the craze is over!" And he's fleeing South From the pigs in clover. A Sliding Scale Wanted.

From the St. Paul Globe. There would be little objection to increasing the pay of Congressmen if a scale of service could be established. One who earned nothing should be paid accordingly. A few should have \$10,000, or more. Ten cents would be a high appraisement of a good many.

When Terrible Examples Abound. from the New York Telegram.1 Kate Field is lecturing on prohibition at Washington. Kate should pick a time when ooth branches of Congress are in full blast,

THE COMING OF THE SPRING. There's something in the air That's new and sweet and rare-A scent of summer things, A whire as if of wings.

In the color of the blue

That's in the morning sky, Before the sun is high. And though, on plain and hill, There's something seems to say

There's something, too, that's new

And all this changing tint, This whispering stir, and hint Of bud and bloom and wing, Is the coming of the spring. And to-morrow or to-day

The brooks will break away From their ley, frozen sleep, And run and laugh and leap And the next thing, in the woods, The catkins in their hoods Of fur and silk will stand,

And the tassels soft and fine Of the hazel will untwine, And the elder branches show Their buds against the snow. So, silently but swift. Above the wintry drift,

The long days gain and gain, Until, on hill and plain, Once more and yet once more Heturning as before. We see the bloom of birth Make young again the earth. -Nora Perry, in Youth's Co

YESTERDAY'S DISPATCH.

lef Sammary of Leading Features of the

Mammeth Double Number. The week just closed was full of turmoil and trouble for the British Parliament. Government organs continue to talk of unanimity and harmony in the Cabinet, say that the Ministry is determined to fight home rule at any cost. An American named Fletcher is astonishing London by wonderful experiments in hypnotism. The conduct of the Prince of Wales at York has been exceptly consumed by the needs of the prince of the princ York has been severely consured by the press and the people. Queen Victoria is in bad spirits, having caught a cold at Biarritz. The visit of Count Herbert Bismarck to England is

regarded as one of great political significance.
It is announced that the Samoan conference
will be postponed, probably until May, to await
the outcome of the Count's mission.

The Senate confirmed the nomination of
Whitelaw Reid as Minister to France, though Whitelaw Reid as Minister to France, though a number of Democrats tried to prevent such action. Fred Grant's nomination was confirmed without opposition. Corporal Tanner, who is to become Commissioner of Pensions, is the happiest man in Washington. Another having proved futile. Count di Montercole sailed for Europe. Mrs. Cleveland's daily life daring robbery is reported in the vicinity of Uniontown; the whole county is thoroughly alarmed, all efforts is thoroughly alarmed, all efforts to capture the gang of desperadoes in the metropolis was pleasingly sketched by a correspondent. Ex-President Clevoland has arrived in Cuba and was heartly welcomed by the Governor General. Welsh tin plate makers talk of forming a trust.

A colored man named Lee, employed at the Black Diamond Steel Works, was fatally shot by Charles Allen at 2 o'clock yesterday morning. Thomas Atterbury, Sr., says the suit brought against the Monongaheia Water Company is a scheme to squeeze money from the corporation, and predicts its complete failure.

A business man of Son Antonio talked interestingly in regard to the demand for Pittsburg products in the South. A special article presented the results of some novel experim with the phonograph.

The sporting review was complete and newsy, as usual. A correspondent gave a humorous account of a game of ball played by the American team in Auckland. The teams abroad met English players and had an exciting game of rounders at Liverpool. The manner of claying this ancient game was fully explained.

The usual departments, Olive Logan's enteraining letter from Washington and much interesting special correspondence were also included in the first eight pages.

In the second part Frank G. Carpenter graph ically described the largest Chinese opium den in the world. J. W. Breen contributed a valu-able paper on the art of money-making; Bill Nye sketched some of the peculiarities of great men of his acquaintance; Captain King contributed another chapter, recounting exciting adventures among the Sioux; "The Lily of Rochon" was brought near its conclusion; Harana and its interesting sights were de-scribed by Beverly Grump, while a pretty pic-ture of Florida, the land of roses, was furnished by M. M. "A Clergyman" and Rev. George Hodges furnished several columns of sound religious discourse, and Gail Hamilton con-trasted the agnostic and the Christian creed. Mary Gay Humphries' paper dealt with a subject of particular interest at this season—the interior decoration of houses. Bessie Bramble, Clara Belle, Evelyn Malcom, Blakely Hall and Henry Haynie also discussed various interest-ing themes. Theatrical and society gossip, itary, Grand Army and secret society news art notes, market reports, etc., were other features of an excellent number of a great

A SMART WOMAN OF SEVENTY.

An Aged Connecticut Lady Cleverly Captures a Bold Burglar. WATERBURY, CONN., March 24.-In a hansome mansion on Church street lives Mrs. Olive M. Elton, relict of the Hon. John P. Elton, mother of ex-Senator James 8, Elton and one of the wealthiest persons in the city. Although she is over 70 years old no one but her maid servant remains in the house with her. At an early hour this morning her maid came to her chamber saying she heard a noise

came to her chamber saying she heard a noise below. Without the slightest hesitation the old lady slipped on a wrapper and hurried down to the pantry where the sliver is kept. There she made out the figure of a man.

"What do you want here," she asked from the hall door. All was still. She locked the door and in a low voice summoned the police by telephone. One officer entered, leaving two outside to cut off retreat. As the officer en-tered the Kitchen his light was extinguished, but he successfully grappled with his man. His name is Morris Mansileld, a workman, whose home is in a remote quarter of the town. whose home is in a remote quarter of the town. In court Mansfield said he had mistaken the mansion for his house, and had broken a window and crawled in as the door was locked. He was bound over to Superior Court for

PAYABLE ON RESURRECTION DAY.

An Uncertain Period Set for the Payment of an Obligation. BROOKLYN, March 24.-An application was made yesterday in the Supreme Court to have the case of the assignment of Henry Ruppel to George James Johnson transferred to the Court of Oyer and Terminer. Mr. Johnson, who lives in Greenpoint, makes some queer charges. He declares that Mr. Ruppel got possession of the house 60 Remsen street by fraud, and he also

house 60 Remsen street by fraud, and he also makes this piculiar allegation in the complaint he has filed:

"And this complainant demands of this honorable Court that Herman Michael Herberg shall produce that check that Herman and Michael Herberg gave to Christina Ruppel payable on the day of resurrection, and placed in the coffin. She died May 28, 1872, and Henry Ruppel says she did not have it. Who then did?"

Justice Cullen has not given any dealer. Justice Cullen has not given any decision in

the case. The complainant does not tell of the consideration for which the check was given.

Two Remarkable Tascotts. From the Chicago Inter-Ocean.] Dr. Alvin Tascott, of Connecticut, a Yale man of the class of '26, says that he reads 100 lines of Homer every night to go to sleep on.

But that is nothing to the achievement of our Chicago Tascott. Every night before he goes to sleep he dodges 500 detectives and re-\$50,000 in cash. Mr. Watterson's Love for Pennsylvania. A part of Scranton, Pa., is built over a mine and some of the Scrantonians are now surprised to find their houses sinking or getting out of plumb. The Pennsylvanian will gradually learn that he cannot, at the same time, have all that

is in the earth and all that is on top of it. He's Bound to be Heard. From the Kansas City Star.1 A Neosho man has invented a new kind o ear trumpet by the use of which a very deaf person can be made to hear the very slightest whispers. It is understood that Channey I

Filley is going to try it on President Ha PACTS AND FIGURES.

LEATHER belts run with grain side to the pulley will drive 30 per cent more than if run with flesh side. THE arrivals of immigrants at Castle Garden during the past six months show a decrease of 21,500 compared with the same months last

year,
THE anthracite coal production this year
up to the latest advices foots up 4,370,722 tons,
an increase of 281,768 tons over the like period THE average price of 14 of the principal Boston copper stocks is over 20 points below the highest average of 1888, the decline rep-

resenting a loss of upward of \$19,000,000 in THE average natural age of the oak is from 1,500 to 2,000 years; of the elm, 350 to 500 years;

the maple, 600 to 800 years; the yew, 2,500 to 3,000; the cedar, 800; linden, 1,200 and the cypress 850 years. THE shipments of oil from the port of Philadelphia last week were the largest ever before experienced, being 4,965,928 gallons, and since January 1 they were 25,762,510 gallons, as com-pared with 19,113,666 gallons for the correspond-

ng period last year. COMPETENT experts estimate that nearly if not quite \$30,000,000 will be spent for newspaper advertising in the United States during the year 1889; and that over five times that amount will be diverted into the coffers of those manufacturers and firms who advertise, that would otherwise go into the hap-hazzard channels of

CURIOUS CONDENSATIONS.

-There are 623 newspapers and periodicals published in foreign languages in this re-

-Fully 200 persons in Fairfield county Connecticut, are engaged in trapping skur for their skins.

-Miss Braddon has written over 50 novels in which she has given the world of fiction, it is said, more than 500 characters. -It is said that a Georgia man committed

forgery becouse starvation stared him in the face, and then starved himself because the forgery stared him in the face. -A hint that the silly season is coming around is given in the story from Youngstown, O., that a turtle which disappeared last July has been found alive in the craw of a chicken. -There is a superstition among miners

that every ten years rich diggings will be dis-covered somewhere. The record so far is Calf-fornia, 1849: Pike's Peak, 1859; Nevada, 1859; Leadville, 1879. -Out near San Diego, in California, where there is much course sand rock, covered by a thin layer of soil, the experiment is being tried of blasting holes into which to plant shade and fruit trees.

-A lady of Albany, Ga., who went over to Nassau, purchased a pink pearl from a native for \$10. Upon her return to America she wrote to a leading jeweler in New York, giving the size of the jewel. He offered her \$500 for it. She refused to sell.

-Thirty-eight years ago Mrs. Frank Burnett, of Minden, Mich., lost a pail of butter in the well. A few days ago it was determined to dig the well deeper, and quite an amount of the butter was found. It is white but still solid, and the butter flavor is plainly discernible.

-Joseph F. Young, of Augusta, is the owner of one of the smallest dogs in Maine. He is a cross between a ratter and a spaniel, both his parents having been extremely diminutive.
Though now i mouths old the little canine
weighs but 24 conces and is lost in the pocket
of an ordinary overcoat.

-Middletown, N. Y., has a blind man, who buys and sells horses with good judgment after earefully feeling the animal over and hitch up a team almost as readily as any man in his employ. He once, unattended, made the trip to New York City.

-There is an organ belonging to a family

in Waynesboro, Ga., whose keys are touched by unseen fingers. A few evenings ago, the gentleman of the house says, delightful strains of music were heard issuing from this organ, and his ouriosity prompted him to investigate, but the music ceased as soon as he entered the -The ladies of Texas are making a huge map, drawn on canvas, with all the 264 counties of the State laid off. One county, Tom Green,

is larger than the entire States of Massachu-setts and Connecticut combined. The name of each county will be worked with some beauti-ful product made in the county. The map will be exhibited in the Texas Spring Palace to be built at Fort Worth. -A case of horse resurrection has come to light in Newburg, N. Y. A horse died, apparently, on Thursday, and was buried begeath a entry, on laureasy, and was buried beginning pile of rubbish until an "equine undertaker" could be summoned to remove it to the bone factory. On Saturday removal was attempted. A rope was fastened to the animal, and on the first pull it arose to its feet and frisked its tail. Now the equine is seen drawing garbage on the

-Prof. Kirchoff of Halle estimates that the language most spoken on the globe, for the last 1,000 years at least, is Chinese, for it is, without doubt, the only one which is talked by without though, the only one which is taked by over 400,000,000 of the human race; the next language most in use (but at a very great distance behind Chinese) being Hindustani, spoken by over 100,000,000. Then follow English (spoken by about 100,000,000). Russian (over 70,000,000), German (over 54,000,000) and Spanish (over 47,000,000).

-Thomas Harris, a queer old recluse who recently died intestate, in China, St. Clair county, Michigan, leaving an estate of \$25,000 or \$30,000, which may possibly escheat to the State, owned a good farm house, but he kept State, owned a good farm house, but he kept his wool in the parlor, his grain in the hed-rooms, and slept in a wagon hox on the kitchen floor, using an old sail for a coverlid, and a couple of sheepskins for a pillow. The Judge of Probate is trying his best to find if Harris has any legal heirs, but with no success thus far.

-In Dalmatia chrysanthemums are large ly cultivated to supply chemists with the su stance from which the well known "Daimatian insect powder" is made. The Island of Lesina is the chief seat of cuttivation, and the flower most generally grown is C. cineraricatollium Trev. It is said that no other local crop pays so well, the product of a single acre of gro selling for from \$500 to \$1.500, and the Go ment yearly distributes plants at very low r in order that the industry may be still fur

-The fruit of the banana is the least valuable part of the tree. The fiber, which in some countries is permitted to go to waste is of value. Throughout Central America and the continent of Africa it is used, with only the the continent of Africa it is used, with only the preparation of drying, for sewing threads and fishing nets. The threads are of sliky fineness, and it was thought that as an article of commerce it would pay to import in large quantities. A firm in Bradford England, having got possession of some of the fiber, wove a quantity of handkerchiefs from it that for delicacy of finish and strength were unexcelled. With a sliky sheen and remarkably fine web such articles would have obtained a ready market, but it was found that the mode of obtaining the fiber by the natives was too slow, and until some machine was invented to strip the fiber quickly the small quantity would be of practically no use.

-As a Florida steamer was going around a bend in Dunn's creek it struck a huge alli-gator near a large floating island. The captain gator near a large floating island. The captain noticed that this particular island was rather large, but paid no attention to it for an opposition steamer was crowding him and he could not afford to check up. The boat struck the floating island with terrible force, breaking her bow stem and shattered the boat considerably. The passengers were terribly frightened and the ladies ran about asking in pitiful tones for help, and it took several minutes for the crew to quiet those frantic nasangers. As investigation neip, and it took several minutes for the crew to quiet those frantic passengers. An investi-gation was made. The creek was red with blood and the snorting in the water terrific. It turned out that the supposed island was noth-ing more than a huge alligator, whose back was covered over with bonnets and water filles, re-sembling an island, obstructing the hide of the saurian from view.

SIFTED AND SORTED. When Stanley is found he will be a seen-

We bear and read remarkable stories

about cats abandoning their kittens and raining motherless pupples or squirrels, but in Texas not long since a mule raised a grown man il feet, without any apparent effort. At the Theatre.-Miss Jones (to Smith, who has just been out to see a man) - You ought to go once more and toboggan a little. Why so?

Because they say it takes away one's breath One of the Congressional districts in lexas is so large that when a candidate travels through it the suffragans at one end of it have got sober before he has been able to enthuse at the other end. The Prohibition candidate suffers a great deal during, the canvass. Adding Insult to Injury .- Hatter-I've

got no use for young Snobberty.

Friend-What has he been doing?

I met him the other day and he didn't take off his hat to me. I didn't mind that so much if he hadn't been owing me for that identical hat. How They Made It Up .- They are newly married, but they quarrel over a triffe-She will go home to her mother-"Stay, dearest!"-But she won't stay-He weeps-A moden thought strikes him-"I have tickets for Barnum's show."-"Oh, theorge! George! How good you

Fully Justified .- Judge-You assaulted this man seemingly without any provocation.

Prisoner—Without any provocation! Why, your
Rossor, we were talking about the acquittal of
Mr. Kerr, and he said it was as sad an a-kerr-ance as he over remembered.

He said that? Mr. Sheriff, take into custody the

an who arrested this worthy gentleman You can go, sir. A Gross Injustice.—Paster—How is you

on coming on? I've not seen him lately,
Parent-Protty well.
I hope he is not showing any signs of become fast, as is so frequently the case with boys in larg cities.

Fast Why, parson, he's a measurger boy,
Don't slander the poor boy that way.

I beg pardon. Excuse me. I had no idea that

A Harmonious Couple.-First club man So Prince Alexander of Battenburg has married an opera singer. Second club man-Yes, and he is so poor and so

much in ucas.
her profession.
Funny, isn't it?
What?
That she has to take up her notes so as to enable him to take up his notes.
—All from Texas Siftings.